



MINUTES
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 -- Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building -- County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. McCain, Chairman; James R. Byrd, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Eugene R. Baten, Charles T. Edens, and Vivian Fleming McGhaney.

ALL COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: C. F. "Chris" Sumpter III

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Mary W. Blanding, Johnathan Bryan, Lorraine Dennis, George McGregor, Robert Baker, Joe Perry, Sheriff Anthony Dennis, Chief Hampton Gardner, Robert Hingst; Allen Dailey; and two Sheriff Deputies.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Approximately 23 members of the public were in attendance.

MEDIA: The Item Newspaper, Adrienne Sarvis

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman James T. McCain, Jr. called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Council Member Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman McCain called for a motion concerning the approval of the agenda for Council's Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the Agenda for Council's Tuesday, February 12, 2019. (Note Item #1 under New Business was moved to the first item to be heard by Council after Action on the Minutes of January 22, 2019.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Chairman McCain called for a motion concerning the approval of the minutes of January 22, 2019.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the Minutes for Council's Tuesday, January 22, 2019, meeting as presented by the Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Recognition Of American Legion Public Safety Awards Winners Of The Year.
 - A. Sumter County Sheriff's Officer - Sgt. James Ardis - Sheriff Deputy Chief Hampton Gardner, introduced Sgt. James Ardis to Council members and gave an overview of Sgt. Ardis' overall outstanding work with the Sheriff's Office and the Sumter Community.

Council members presented each recipient with a gift and a certificate of appreciation recognizing each person's outstanding accomplishment.

- B. Sumter Police Department Officer - 1st Class Cedric Kirkman - City of Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark introduced 1st Class Cedric Kirkman for his continuous dedicated work with the City of Sumter and the community.
- C. Sumter Lee Regional Detention Center - Lance Cpl. Crystal Isaac - Major Daryl McGhaney introduced Lance Cpl. Isaac to Council and he outlined for Council the untiring service that Lance Cpl. Isaac has provided to Sumter at the Sumter Lee Regional Detention Center.
- D. Sumter County EMS - Lance Cpl. Victoria Matthews - Director Robert Hingst introduced Lance Cpl. Victoria Matthews to Council. Director Hingst expressed his deep appreciation for the persistent committed work and service performed by Lance Cpl. Matthews.
- E. Sumter Fire Department - Master Firefighter Jason Capell - Division Chief Steven Dara, presented Master Firefighter Jason Capell to Council members. Division Chief Dara thanked him for the wonderful work that he has contributed to Sumter City/County as a whole.

The presentations were received as information. No formal action taken.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS:

Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

- (1) **RZ-18-15 -- 2320 Beckwood Road -- (County) - Third Reading -- Request To Rezone A +/-46.99 Acre Parcel Located At 2320 Beckwood Road From Agricultural Conservation (AC) To Residential-15 (R-15). The Property Is Represented By Tax Map # 201-00-03-013.**

Mr. George McGregor presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading approval. He stated that there have been no changes to this rezoning request since first reading. Also, it was stated that the Planning Commission and Planning staff recommended approval of the rezoning request. Then Councilman Vivian Fleming McGhaney stated that at the last meeting, she would check with South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) as to what they could do concerning a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 521 and Beckwood Road, widening of Beckwood Road during the development of this new subdivision, and construction of sidewalks for this community. She stated that during the Subdivision Review these matters will be consider as mentioned by SCDOT's staff after she contacted them and also asked the Clerk to contact SCDOT too. From both contacts, it appears nothing will be right now, but Mr. McGregor's office will be in contact with SCDOT through the normal process of rezoning for a new subdivision. After all comments, the Chairman called for a motion

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading approval as presented.

- (2) **RZ-18-16 -- 160 Jefferson Road -- (County) -- Third Reading -- Request To Rezone A +/-15.00 Acre Parcel And A 1.39 Acre Parcel Located At 160 Jefferson Road From General Residential (GR) To Heavy Industrial (HI). The Property Is Represented By Tax Map #S 231-00-04-006 And 231-00-04-007.**

Mr. McGregor also presented this proposed rezoning request. He stated that there have been no changes since first reading. Therefore the Chairman called for a motion on third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Batten, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading approval of this rezoning request as presented.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- (2) **19-903 - First Reading --An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 18-888 Of Sumter County, South Carolina (The 2018-2019 Sumter County Budget Ordinance) By Changing The Amount Of Anticipated Funds, Moneys And Revenues Estimated To Be Received By Sumter County From All Resources And Changing The Amount To Be Allocated Toward The 2018-2019 Budget Of Sumter County. TITLE ONLY**

The County Administrator, Mr. Gary Mixon, stated that this is an ordinance for a budget adjustment by Title Only. He stated that Council members discussed this proposed ordinance the Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee meeting as well. The budget adjustments would include the following information:

- **Sheriff's Office and Sumter School District** - Interim Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Sheriff's Office and Sumter School District For Expenses In The After Duty Work during afterhours security at athletic activities. The expenses will come from the Sheriff Office and the Revenue will be provided by the School District.
- Two Fire Trucks - \$100,000 -- \$50,000 each. The two used fire trucks are in excellent condition and will be purchased from the City of Sumter to be used at two of the Rural Fire Department Stations.
- Imaging Of Records -- Register of Deeds Department - Cost of approximately \$40,000 for scanning old records in the Register of Deeds Office. This is a multiple phase project.

The total for the budget adjustment is \$140,000. Public hearing will be held at third reading on March 12, 2019. The Chairman called for a motion concerning first reading of this ordinance as presented by TITLE ONLY.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading as presented.

- (3) **It May Be Necessary To Hold And Executive Session To Discuss A Contractual Matter, And It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss An Economic Development Matter Receive A Legal Briefing, An Employment Matter, Or Other Matters Pertaining To An Executive Session, And Take Appropriate Actions Thereafter If Required.**

No executive session was held at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(1) Internal Affairs Committee Meeting To Be Held At 5:15 p.m. On Tuesday, February 12, 2019, In County Council's Conference Room.

The Chairman of the Committee, Vice Chairman Byrd, stated that the Committee met, with Councilman Sumpter not present; however, one action was taken.

1. Historical Commission - Appoint Debbie Durant - A MOTION and a second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to appoint Debbie Durant to the Historical Commission to replace Dorothy Reynolds.

(2) Fiscal, Tax, And Property Committee Meeting To Be Held At 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, February 12, 2019, In County Council's Conference Room.

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman McCain, stated that there was an Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter during this Committee meeting; however, no action was taken. The Committee also discussed the budget adjustment which was discussed during New Business on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

(3) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, And/Or Conferences; And Any Other Council Comments.

No reports given.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Sheriff's Department January Monthly Report.
2. Food Truck
3. Farm To Table
4. Chili Cook-Off
5. South Carolina Association Mid-Winter Conference
6. Supreme Court Justices will be holding Hearing in Sumter at Patriot Hall.
7. High Heels In High Places - Saturday Night
8. Rub O' The Green

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gary Mixon, stated that the County is preparing for the July 2019 Budget Process. The draft schedule for the budget preparation was shared with Council.

1. March - Individual Department Interviews.
2. April -- Budget workshops with Council
3. May -- First Reading During First Meeting In May
4. May -- Second Reading During Second Meeting In May
5. June - Third Reading First Meeting In June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McCain asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment. The following person spoke during public comment.

1. **Hope Reid Watson** stated that she promised Council the last time she spoke during public comment at Council's meeting that she would be back if there were no changes on **Cannery Road**. Ms. Reid Watson said the trash is still on the road, the furniture is still there, and there is more trash than before. She asked Council for some help. Also, she asked when will Cannery Road is going to be paved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Sumter County Council, and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. McCain, Jr.
Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council
Sumter County Council

Approved: February 26, 2019

I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows required by Freedom of Information:

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- Manner Notified: Agendas posted on bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.
- Date Posted: February 8, 2019
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- Date Notified: February 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council